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Victor León





Victor Mendez
Director

SECC – Nobody makes it alone

Over the past 14 years, ADOT employees have led the way in the State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC). Once again, ADOT has accepted the challenge to be a Pacesetter Organization, and I know that we will once again meet our goal to raise \$206,132 at the agency level.

The statewide goal for SECC is to raise \$1,815,408. Your contributions provide financial support for more than 600 health and human service agencies, as well as historical and environmental preservation efforts.

This year's theme, "Nobody Makes it Alone," is most appropriate, not only for the charitable organizations that receive the donations, but also for those state employees who help conduct the campaign. Sarah Wuertz, of the Transportation Services Group, is the agency coordinator for SECC. Vicki Joralmon, from the State Engineer's Office, and Tammy Martelle, of the Aeronautics Division, are co-chairs. Along with their teams of coordinators, they're working hard to ensure that ADOT attains its goal as a Pacesetter Organization.

Although you may think you do not need assistance, there are many organizations supported by SECC that you may benefit from. Members of your family may participate in Boys and Girls Clubs, 4-H programs or scouting. Many receive assistance from organizations such as the American Heart Association, United Cerebral Palsy or American Diabetes Foundation. All of these agencies benefited from the \$1.78 million that SECC raised through contributions in 2005.

Wuertz emphasizes that the focus this year is not on the dollar amount, but on increasing the number of contributors. "We hope to increase our donor base by three percent. If the number of givers increases, it only follows that the dollars will come, and we will meet our financial goal," she says.

SECC is the only state-sanctioned charitable fundraising campaign. It is the one opportunity that we have to collectively and individually make an impact on the lives of so many. Let me encourage you to make a contribution either by a one-time donation or through the payroll deduction. I trust that you will join with me and so many other fellow employees to be the providers of help and hope to our friends, family and neighbors who need it the most.

Sincerely,

Director



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Victor León - retired artist - captures history of transportation in diorama

By Ron Loar
Editor

Victor León has been retired from ADOT for approximately 20 years, but evidence of his contributions to the agency still lingers.

His legacy to ADOT and the citizens of Arizona is a colorful diorama depicting the history of transportation in Arizona from the time of early cliff dwellers to modern freeways and jet plane travel. Framed in two cases, each three feet by 10 feet, the frieze hangs across from the auditorium on the first floor of the Administration Building in Phoenix.

León, one of several artists at ADOT in the mid 70s, spent 14 years with the agency. Before he went out the door for the last time, León finished his pet project, the 3-D tableau of transportation history. Modeled out of cardboard, plasterboard, wood and paper, each figure was meticulously sculpted and painted. The artist used reference photographs for accuracy. "I read a lot about history," Victor says today. "I researched many of the scenes before making my sketches."

Black and white historical photographs flank each panel, showing early transportation in Arizona.

He developed the elaborate scenes over several months, working on the intensive project between other assignments. "No one set me to

it," León says. "It was an idea that I developed, so I worked on it in my spare time." He says he does not recall how long it took him, only that other employees would periodically stop by his work area and peer in the door and marvel at the progress. Bill Ordway, director of ADOT at that time, would frequently bring colleagues by the shop to show off the project in development, Victor recalls.

The artist had a large room in the back of the Facilities Maintenance Building on Jackson Ave. It was there that he built the display in sections so that it could be moved to the Administration Building for installation. The large cases that enclose the diorama were constructed in the woodshop, located near the art studio.

Viewed from the left, the tableau opens with an elaborate sculpture of a native cliff-dweller community. "Traveling on foot was the first mode of transportation in this area," León explains. Exploration and development by the Spanish Conquistadores is depicted by armored and armed Spaniards riding on horseback into Arizona. Early trappers and settlers are represented in the visual storyline.

As fortune-seekers flocked to the California goldfields in the early 1800s, their mode of

transportation was wagon trains and ox carts. These, too, are depicted in the artwork.

Civil War troops mounted on horseback and the military introduction of camels into the southwest are captured in León's work.

With the demand for faster travel and need to move freight across the continent, the expansion of railroads demanded millions of miles of track. Victor depicted early railroad transportation with an old-time "iron horse" locomotive and railroad depot.

Surveyors are portrayed staking out an early roadway as a nearby farmer plows his field with horse-drawn implement in the right panel.

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Victor León – artist

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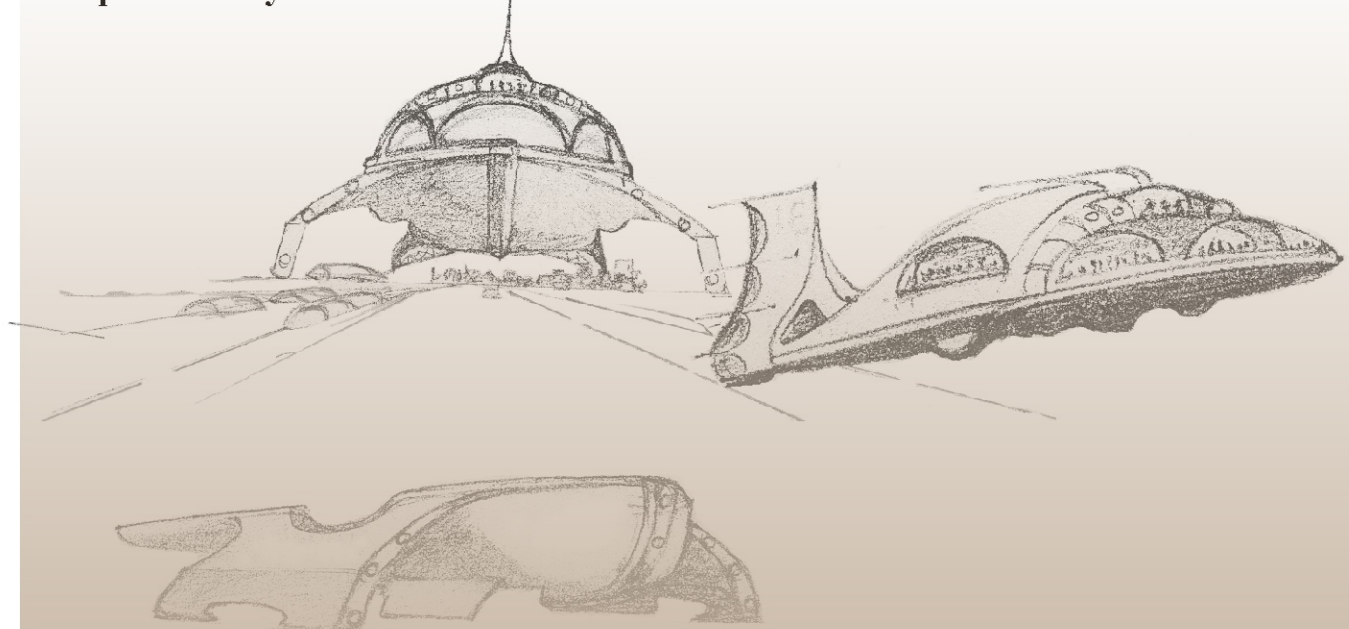
A Wright Brothers-type aircraft flying over a rural community precedes a scene of a helicopter and jet planes farther down the timeline. Vintage automobiles mired down in muddy roads present sharp contrast to sweeping, modern freeways that wind around modern skyscrapers.

At 85 years of age, Victor recently visited ADOT and relived the story of developing the panoramic scene. He described it as a fun time in his life. In an era before computer graphic design, Victor did a lot of illustration in pencil and pen and ink. “I also was asked to draw pictures for reports and documents.” In the time before modern freeways, many of the staff artists built scale-models of proposed freeways and intersections, relying on engineering plans for details. León would study the blueprints and draw the freeway scenes so that planners and engineers could take his illustrations to community meetings and show what the proposed freeways would look like.

Victor León produced the display to “show how Arizonans molded their lives to the fast changes in transportation, covering a span that predates the Conquistadores and extending well beyond the technologies we know today,” according to a plaque on the diorama. “ADOT is concerned with our present and we approach our future needs with a sense of heritage which we try to depict here.”



At the time of the installation of Victor León’s diorama in 1977, the artist had envisioned yet another panel depicting futuristic travel. Victor never had the opportunity to develop this concept before retirement. Some of his preliminary sketches are shown below.



Mendez to assume AASHTO presidency this month

Victor Mendez, director of ADOT, has been named vice-president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The appointment places Mendez in direct line to assume the top leadership position of AASHTO later this month.


Mendez won the votes of his fellow transportation leaders when former vice-president David Sprynczynatk resigned from his position as director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation. When the organization's current president, Harold Linnenkohl, of the Georgia Department of Transportation, leaves office the end of October, the leadership falls to a director from the western states, according to AASHTO bylaws.

Prior to his appointment as director of ADOT in 2001, Mendez served as deputy director, deputy state engineer for the Valley Transportation Group, assistant state engineer with Statewide Project Management, transportation engineering supervisor and transportation engineer. Projects he has overseen include the accelerated schedule for the Valley Regional Freeway System, the completion of which was advanced from 2014 to 2007. During his tenure as deputy director, an ADOT team completed the first major design-build project in Arizona – the \$80 million widening of I-17 – and launched ADOT's largest project to date, the widening of the Superstition Freeway.

In earlier activities within AASHTO, he has served as chair of the Standing Committee on

Research, as chair of the Operations Council of the Standing Committee on Highways, and as chair of the Transportation Research Board/National Cooperative Highway Research Program oversight group for the Long-Term Pavement Performance 20-year program.

Mendez worked as a civil engineer with the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon and Flagstaff, Arizona, before joining ADOT. He holds a

bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas, El Paso, and a master's in business administration from Arizona State University. He is a registered professional engineer in civil engineering with the state of Arizona and a member of the American Public Works Association. 

Buckles the Bear goes to the fair

Buckles the Bear will be going to the Arizona State Fair this year, along with the Highway Hawk and ADOT employees who have volunteered to staff a booth to promote highway safety.

The plush toy will be given to young children who visit the booth on Saturday, October 14, between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. and Sunday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Those are the Public Safety Days at the fair when ADOT will be joining the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to promote safe driving principles.

Youngsters are encouraged to visit the highway safety booth on the north side of the coliseum where they will be issued passports to all the 30 different safety displays. Once the passports are stamped at all of the displays, children must return to the GOHS booth in order to claim their

bear. The highway safety displays will be located on the north side of the coliseum.

In conjunction with highway safety, ADOT will distribute literature about the Don't Trash AZ anti-litter promotion. The Motor Vehicle Division will have their mobile MVD office on display, according to Evonne Aldana, event coordinator for the Communication and Community Partnerships Division.

Satisfy Your Cravings is the theme for this year's State Fair, now in its 122nd year.

The fair opens October 13 and runs through November 5.



Buckles

Rural transit needs under study by Public Transportation Division

In order to meet fast-growing transit needs in rural Arizona communities, the Public Transportation Division is initiating a Statewide Rural Transit Needs Study.

The study will for the first time examine public transportation issues throughout the state, primarily in rural areas including small cities and towns, in order to effectively plan for transit services, according to Jim Dickey, PTD director. The study will focus on identifying gaps in service and the solutions and determine costs to meet those needs.

Rapid population growth in cities and towns outside, but adjacent to, major urban areas in Arizona are resulting in emerging need for additional intercity transit services. Dickey cites such examples as the communities of Gila Bend, Queen Creek, Casa Grande, Eloy and Florence, where citizens rely on urban centers such as Phoenix or Tucson for business, medical, shopping, education and recreation.

Regional planning agencies will be consulted to help define potential intercity transit needs. The study, which will be conducted in three phases, will also examine the need for rural transit services in tribal areas, as well as research additional funding sources.

Phase 1 will identify rural public transportation service characteristics and provide an analysis of current transportation operations, demographics, travel patterns, trends in service provision and available funding.


Phase 2 will determine transit demand and estimates of need. Current estimates and future demands for rural transit service in Arizona will be studied, as well as availability of funding. Input received during stakeholders meetings will be considered.

Phase 3 will evaluate alternatives and develop a strategic plan. Specific recommendations on how existing rural transit services could be improved and where new services would be beneficial will be included in this phase. Recommendations will include a schedule for implementation in conjunction with a long-term strategic direction.

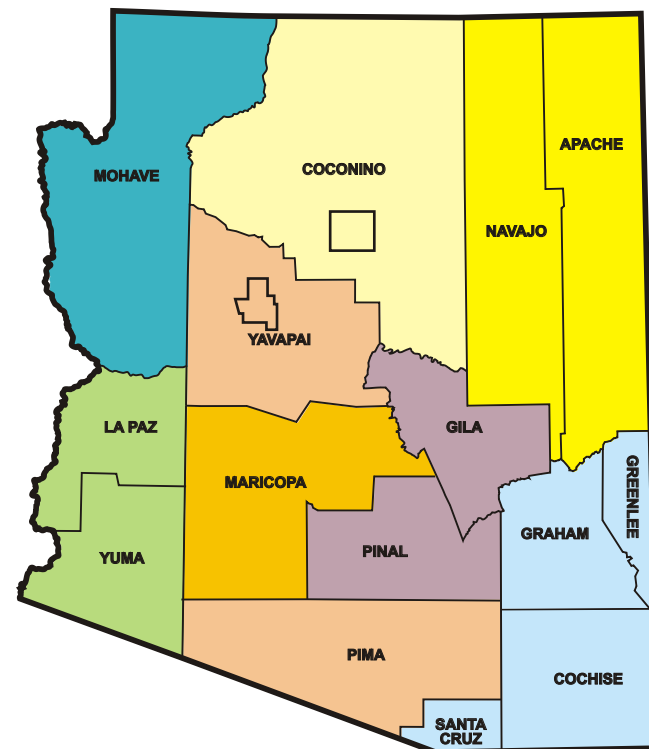
Cambridge Systematics, Inc., has been retained as the prime consultant to conduct the study. The firm was the lead consultant to produce the state's long-range transportation plan, MoveAZ, completed in 2004.

"Clearly there are public transportation needs in rural Arizona. The study will provide balanced, objective findings and recommendations that will be of tremendous value for planning and implementing rural public transportation solutions for the state," says Dickey, who serves as project manager for the study.

Matt Carpenter, Acting Planning Program Manager for PTD, is assistant project manager for the effort.

The study will serve as a companion to the next update of the state's Long-Range Transportation Plan, in 2009. ADOT is required to update its Long-Range Transportation Plan every five years. 

Rural Transit Needs Study Areas



Aeronautics Division Sponsors Aviation Art Contest

For the 15th year, the Aeronautics Division is promoting the International Aviation Art Contest. Students between the ages of six and 17 are encouraged to develop their artwork around the theme of this year's competition, "Airfield."

Deadline for the state competition is January 12, 2007. Winning entries at the state level will be sent to the national competition in Washington, D.C., and national award winners will be qualified for international judging in Europe. "Arizona has always been an active participant and supporter of this contest," said Carole Glenn, Arizona coordinator for the International Aviation Art Contest. The contest is co-sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Aeronautic Association, NASA, and the National Association of State Aviation Officials, in cooperation with the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.


Entries are judged in three classes; ages 6 to 9; ages 10 to 13; and ages 14 to 17. All entries that are received will get a Certificate of Participation. Winning state artwork receives a plaque with the individual student's artwork captured on their certificate.

The mission of this contest is to motivate and encourage young people to open their minds to the possibility of a career in aeronautics, aerospace, engineering and science. "We are actively promoting this program in public,

private, parochial, charter and home schools and talking to parents, students and educators at aviation events we attend," said Glenn.

Each year the Aeronautics Division mails out entry forms to all schools in Arizona. "We really want Arizona to be a leader in this program and have more entries than any other state," said Glenn. "Our goal throughout this

whole process is to get kids hooked on aviation and to have them gain a better appreciation and understanding of the impact that aviation has on Arizona."


A brochure and entry form for the competition is available at www.azdot.gov/aviation/. 

Flagstaff Team climbs mountain to conquer cancer

Fourteen members of the Flagstaff District ADOT Team made the 7-mile hike up Snow Bowl Road to raise money for cancer research and awareness. It was the 13th year that the team participated in the annual Climb to Conquer Cancer event.

The team dedicated this year's climb to ADOT employee Sheri Hancher, administrative assistant of Flagstaff Signing and Striping, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Wearing their orange ribbons in honor of Hancher, the ADOT team joined about 4,000 other hikers to climb the picturesque Ponderosa pine- and aspen tree-lined road in the San Francisco Peaks.

Jean Diamond of the Flagstaff District, captain of the ADOT Team, said they raised \$675 for the American Cancer Society. Other members of the team included Dana Middlebrook, Pam

Chamberlain, Art Pickering, Mary McClure, Steve Owen, Beverly Custer, Warren Sutphen, Kathleen Sutphen, Dale Sutphin, Sandy Wood, Todd Franz, Ami Larsen and John Harper. 



Eight of the 14-member Flagstaff District ADOT Team who participated in the hike to raise money for cancer research are Steve Owen, John Harper, Bev Custer, Todd Franz, Art Pickering, Jean Diamond, Pam Chamberlain and Mary McClure.

Reception honors her accomplishments

Mary Peters, former ADOT director nominated for US DOT post

Former employees, co-workers and political associates stood in line to offer fond wishes to Mary Peters, former director of ADOT when she was feted at a reception in downtown Phoenix. Ms. Peters has been named by President George W. Bush to be the next U.S. secretary of transportation.

The reception honoring Peters was held Friday evening, September 29 at the Phoenix Convention Center and was hosted by HDR, Inc., a consulting firm where she has served as senior vice-president.



Mary Peters, nominee for Secretary of Transportation, talks with Ric Athey, MVD assistant director, at a reception honoring Ms. Peters recently in downtown Phoenix. Hundreds of politicians and former co-workers and employees stood in line to offer congratulations to Ms. Peters.

From an entry-level secretarial position with ADOT to the nation's top ranking transportation official, the trip has been a steady and busy one for Mary Peters.


She joined ADOT in 1985, working her way up through the ranks to serve as contract administrator, deputy director for administration, and deputy director. Gov. Jane Hull appointed her director of ADOT in 1998.

A long-time proponent of modern transportation infrastructure, Peters encourages the use of new technologies that reduce construction costs and result in safer highways. While director of ADOT, she promoted programs that would provide for increased work-zone safety for highway workers, an issue that she continued to champion while serving as director of the Federal Highway Administration from 2001-2005. As administrator of the FHWA, she promoted enhanced guardrail, rumble strip and other crash prevention technologies and encouraged community-based pedestrian safety programs.

Her tenure with the FHWA was highlighted by the passage of the long-term surface transpor-

tation legislation, SAFETEA-LU, which included initiatives that reduce traffic congestion, give states more flexibility to provide transportation services, advance construction technologies that save time and money and streamline completion of transportation projects.

Peters resigned her position with the FHWA in 2005 to return to her home state where she accepted a position as senior vice-president with HDR, Inc., an engineering firm with offices in Phoenix. In 2004, Peters was named Woman of the Year by the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS). Her nomination for that honor cited her as having a "distinguished career marked by national leadership, effective advocacy of critical transportation issues, and a willingness to share her time and energy with others in the field. Her national leadership, professional accomplishments, inspiring career rise, advocacy for important initiatives such as traffic safety, support of women professionals and WTS in particular, and her sharing of her time to help others."

Announcing the appointment of Ms. Peters to his Cabinet, President Bush called her an "innovative thinker." He praised her efforts with the FHWA to reduce traffic congestion and improve highway safety. "Mary has a reputation for character and common sense. . . She's going to make an outstanding secretary of transportation." 

Code of Conduct video to focus on employee values, ethics

“People don’t judge our ethics by what we say or intend – they judge our ethics by what we do,” says ADOT Director Victor Mendez in a video being prepared for release to management and employees of the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Earning and maintaining public trust is the key focus of the video presentation, *Our Culture and Our Values*, being prepared for release soon. The video follows on the heels of the agency adopting the *ADOT Code of Conduct* following recent public criticism of some employee conduct. “This code is based on ADOT values and is a statement of standards of acceptable and appropriate behavior for all ADOT employees,” Mendez writes in an open letter to all employees.


“I expect ADOT employees to understand this code and to consistently apply these high standards of personal and business ethics in the discharge of their assigned responsibilities. . . . No written policy can anticipate every ethical dilemma or definitively set forth the appropriate action for all situations. Accordingly, rather than a set of specific rules, this code, in conjunction with the ADOT values, emphasizes a standard of ethical conduct which applies to all our business dealings and relationships.”

Addressing a meeting of ADOT management, the director insists that supervisors make their employees aware of the *ADOT Code of Conduct* and to make it required reading as part of employee work plans. “We expect managers to help employees understand and live up to the

code,” Mendez says. “However, we are each responsible for understanding and observing the code, and for seeking interpretation and guidance. Failure to comply with this code may result in a range of disciplinary actions, including dismissal. In addition, we expect our business partners to conduct their business in keeping with the core principles. We will conduct ourselves on and off the job in a way that reflects positively on ADOT’s reputation.”

The *ADOT Code of Conduct* outlines the general framework of legal and ethical behavior.


“Adherence to the code is a condition of employment at ADOT,” Mendez says. “Every employee at every level must perform his or her duties with the utmost attention to and respect for ethical, responsible business practices and the law.”

To review the *ADOT Code of Conduct*, including the director’s letter, go to the ADOT Intranet homepage and click on “*ADOT Code of Conduct*” under the Announcement heading. 

OIG detective wins marksmanship medals

Detective Willie Hall, of ADOT's Office of Inspector General, returned from police marksmanship competition with four medals. He was a member of an Arizona team of law enforcement officers that scored a total of 35 medals in individual and team competition.

Hall, who has been with ADOT for nine years after retiring from the Department of Public Safety, scored gold and silver medals in individual semi-automatic and revolver firearms. Other Arizona team members included Charles Crawford, DPS (retired); his son, Agent Jason Crawford, U.S. Border Patrol; and Officers Bruce Fletcher and John Richardson, DPS.

The marksmanship events were part of the Nevada Police and Fire Games held in Las Vegas. 



OIG Detective Willie Hall displays two of four marksmanship medals he won in competition in Nevada

Railroad Inventory and Assessment

KEEPING TRACK OF THE RAILROAD

By Ron Loar
Editor

Counting crossties and railroad spikes and measuring hundreds of miles of railroad track seems arduous, but someone has to do it. Such a job falls to two ADOT employees who have the responsibility for conducting the State of Arizona Railroad Inventory and Assessment.

Rail Planning Manager Scott Friedson and Senior Rail Planner Marc Pearsall of the Public Transportation Division are responsible for administering the 10-month project. In actuality, they do not conduct a physical piece-by-piece inventory, but they do participate in rail and roadbed inspections. "There are federal guidelines that establish how many crossties and

spikes are in a mile of track, so we can obtain a fairly accurate inventory," Pearsall explains.


What they record is the condition and age of track, roadbed, and ties, as well as the condition of railroad bridges. Pearsall says there are about 2,000 miles of rail in use in Arizona.

Jim Dickey, director of the Public Transportation Division, announced the hiring of RL Banks & Associates, a planning and engineering consultant firm, to assist in performing the assessment, which will be completed in the spring of 2007. The Transportation Planning Division is assisting the study in an advisory capacity.

The inventory will provide a baseline assessment of all of the state's current rail Class-1 and short line railroad infrastructure, including its condition, its usage, and any short-range 5-year plans for improvements. ADOT initiated the State Rail Plan in 1976, and it has been updated nine times since then.

The baseline assessment will enable state agencies and regional and local municipalities to understand current infrastructure condition and uses.

Additional studies or improvement plans can then be initiated, including:

- Freight rail studies and assessments
- CANAMEX transportation solutions
- Commuter rail and passenger rail studies and assessments
- Intrastate connectivity between major metropolitan areas
- Grade crossing improvements around the state of Arizona
- Funding sources and solutions
- Current status and needs of various Class-1, short line and mining railroads on privately owned infrastructure, including capital improvements over a 5-year period
- Establishment of a GIS/GPS database associated with current railroad infrastructure
- Coordination with Maricopa Association of Governments during their concurrent Commuter Rail Study for Metropolitan Phoenix area. 



Robert Teel, Apache Railway superintendent (second from left) remains alert for oncoming trains as Ken Withers (left) and Paul Austin of RL Banks & Associates record data and photograph a section of track near Holbrook.

ADOT Tribal Partnering Team recognized for excellence in transportation planning

The ADOT Tribal Strategic Partnering Team (ATSPT) received the 2006 Transportation Planning Excellence Award from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The plaque was presented at the Joint Conference of the National Transportation Research Board in La Jolla, California.


ADOT Civil Rights Office, Partnering Office, Transportation Planning Division, and Intermodal Transportation Division, working with the ATSPT, have managed to streamline the communication, consultation, and coordination processes with Arizona Native American tribes.



Don Sneed, senior transportation planner for ADOT, accepts an award for transportation planning excellence from Cynthia Burbank, of the FHWA, and Jeffrey Lambert, of the American Planning Association.

This collaborative effort was initiated in 1999 with ADOT, FHWA, the Regional Tribal Technical Assistance Program, the Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona.

Donald Sneed, senior planner with TPD, spearheaded the effort to coordinate ADOT, FHWA, and tribes involved with highway projects. Sneed, a member of the Gila River Indian Community, serves as tribal coordinator for ADOT. He was on hand at the La Jolla conference to receive the award on behalf of the team. Other members of the Tribal Partnering Team are Nathan Banks, Barney Bigman, Esther Corbett, Daniel Daggett, Ermalinda Gene, Roxie Greer, Ralph Gonzales, Ron Hall, Jermaine Hannon, Marnie Hodahkwen, Paul Langdale, Bob Maxwell, Tudor Montague, Ginger Murdough, Bill Pederson, Tom Platero, Richard Powers, Myra Rothman, Sally Stewart, David Silversmith, Jeff Swan, Ed Stillings, Ysidro Solima, Willie Tracey Jr., James Young, and David Zimmerman. Holon Consulting facilitates the ATSPT processes.

An independent panel of judges reviewed nominations and selected the best of over 100 submissions within 12 categories. Awards were granted to projects, processes, or groups that have made outstanding contributions to the field of transportation planning, based on innovation, community and public involvement, partnership and collaboration, equity, sustainability, and demonstrated effective results. 

Milestones in Service

The following employees attained milestones for their length of service with ADOT:

40 Years

Leander L. Tewangoitewa, MVD, Holbrook Construction

35 Years

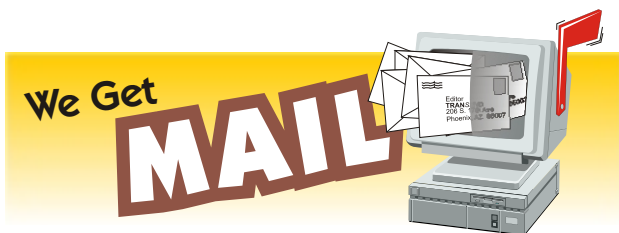
Barbara J. Brown, ITD, Central Maintenance
Lawrence K. McNeil, MVD, Show Low

25 Years

Joan M. Abney, MVD, Motor Carrier and Tax Services
Virginia C. Bailey, MVD, Mesa Main
Devin J. Darlek, TSG, Equipment Services
Linda K. Gardner, ITD, Tucson Construction
Eula E. Hill, ITD, Field Reports
Kathryn T. Medoff, MVD, Northern Regional Administration
Franklin J. Montoya, Jr., ITD, Holbrook Maintenance
Mary Rogers, TSG, Procurement
Michael Srogoncik, ITD, Phoenix Maintenance
Randy W. Vuletich, ITD, Geotechnical Design

20 Years

Sandra N. Gilbert, TPD, Planning
Dale G. Hansen, ITD, Maintenance
Jennifer A. Johnson, MVD, Coolidge
Sandra K. Ragan, MVD, Surprise
Paul Van Zelf, ITD, Flagstaff District



TRANsend frequently receives e-mails and letters from readers.

Seana Stukov, a graphic designer with the ADOT Sign Factory writes:

I want to take a moment and say "GREAT JOB" to the Creative Services Group for another gorgeous issue of TRANsend. I love the graphics and humorous articles. I enjoy seeing the TRANsend publication each month, it's very well put together. Thanks again. Keep up the good work.

An e-mail from Elizabeth Neville of the Regional Freeway Office says:

To the Editors:

Just want to let you know that TRANsend is very good! I printed it out for our office staff and everyone enjoyed reading it and made positive comments. We found it to be informative and a good source to keep in touch with ADOT employees we used to work with.

We also found it encouraging seeing the recognition given those who deserve it in the "Comments & Kudos" section.

From the Federal Highway Administration, Karla Petty writes:

I found the TRANsend article. I am learning something new every day. The newsletter is a good source of information.

John Semmens of the Arizona Transportation Research Center simply says:

Ron, you put together a good newsletter.

Lisa Anderson of the Environmental and Enhancement Group sent us this e-mail:

Dear Editor,

I checked out the newsletter my compliments to you! Good articles and graphics!

I would like to submit an article on some of the wildlife related work that we do in Environmental and Enhancement Group, as soon as we have more information on one particular project.

My work experience includes some newsletters for the Arizona Game and Fish Department, where I worked for 11 years before my working at ADOT. I know how important it is to have a variety of fresh articles.

ED: Lisa, we certainly will take you up on your offer to write articles for TRANsend. For all other readers, if you have a desire to submit articles or want to suggest ideas for articles, e-mail Transendeditors@azdot.gov or phone the editor at (602) 712-8147.

Comments and Kudos

An East Valley resident sends his compliments to ADOT highway maintenance crews for their efficient handling of traffic following an accident on Loop 101 in Tempe during the early morning hours of September 27. A Tempe motorcycle police officer died in the crash.

Greetings,

While the fatal motorcycle accident on 101 in Tempe [September 27] was very unfortunate, I want to commend your ADOT crew.

The signage, warnings and lane reduction southbound at Broadway was done smoothly and allowed me to get past the scene and into work on time. There was only a 5-10 minute delay at 7 a.m. I lived in California for 20 years and while there, never saw such a well planned and clearly labeled traffic redirection during the morning rush hour. Kudos to all those involved.

With best regards - Thomas John

Retirements from ADOT

Employees retiring from ADOT recently, as reported by Human Resources include:

Arthur B. Pickering, 31 years, ITD, Flagstaff
District Wide Maintenance

Julius Crank, 30 years, ITD, Kayenta
Maintenance Group

Robert N. Morden, 26 years, ITD, Central
Maintenance

Richard A. Richter, 23 years, Engineer Tech
Group-Contracts and Specs

M. Joyce Turner, 16 years, ITD, Right of Way
Operations

Michael Cochenour, 8 years, MVD, Apache
Junction

The Life of Roadside Litter

The rate at which materials bio-degrade – that is, return to the state of their natural components – is depicted in this graphic.

A lot of litter is going to be around for a long time.



Source: www.worldwise.com/biodegradable.html

This anti-litter message is brought to you by the
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